

REMARKS

This response is offered in reply to the Office Action of August 10, 2005.

Applicant has amended claims 15, 20, and 24 to place them in better form under Section 112.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates indicated allowability of claims 5, 11, 19, 23 and 27. These claims have not been rewritten since they are believed to depend from allowable claims.

On page 2 of the office action, claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as anticipated by the Zhu et al. reference.

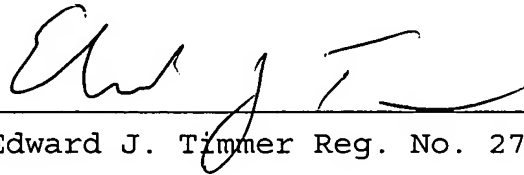
Applicant believes this rejection is in error. In particular, Applicant previously filed a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 swearing behind the Zhu et al. reference. The Declaration was submitted with Applicant's Response To Office Action dated October 20, 2004.

In office action mailed January 4, 2005, the examiner indicated on page 4 that "Applicant's 1.131 declaration has overcome the rejection over Zhu".

As a result, Applicant believes the Section 102(a) rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26 based on the Zhu et al. reference is incorrect.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the this rejection and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



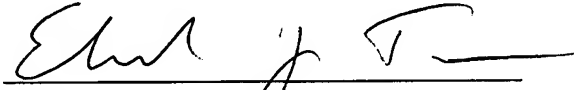
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